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Dear OSPREY:

Thank you for the materials and letter of Nov. 14.

We'd like to look at the material more carefully before venturing more than tentative opinions. However there are a few points you might be able to clear up that occur to us at first glance.

The grille, if such it is, doesn't turn but stands or at most flips. Were those the only pages with marks? Since most of the marked letters are not legible it's impossible to say, even if we had enough Russian to speculate on anagramming, whether or not there is any meaning. Perhaps you have more information on this or clearer copy.

Concerning the letter: there seems to be no source in the documents for the number clues given by "X". By "3 letters in Nov." he might mean N O V as 1,2,3. The rest of that sentence makes no sense at all for the P.O.Box number is not 34567 but 6225. There is nothing to show how or why he "scrambled" 34567 to get 47365; similarly then 6225 becomes 2652 for no obvious reason. (Why not 67453 or some other arrangement)? BADG or BEADG defines the scheme but there is no source for it...again why not ADBC or ADEBC? One could as easily just anagram selected words from the text which is what he next does.

*other  
argued*

This sort of "deciphering" is common to those who suspect null messages everywhere. The true null shows itself normally without such manipulations. As an example of the sort of paths down which this type of speculation can lead as well as a criticism of them you might refer to William & Elizabeth Friedman's book "The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined". With such a short text and no system known to be used one can read any message one would like into such a letter. The message "X" seems to find is far too ambiguous for any rational system of communication. A prime rule of any communication is that there be no room for interpretation, esp. if there is possibility of a mechanical garble as there would be in a systematic null such as suggested here.

While this might be of historical interest if there were indeed messages, there is not enough internal evidence now to warrant publication in The Cryptogram. We'd be interested in any further work you do. However we can't promise it would be anything to interest the Krewe in general. We know of no one now who has expressed an interest in the subject so can suggest no one who might work on the project with you.

All in all, it doesn't look too promising, esp. since at least some gov't experts have already had a look at the whole array of documents, and have found nothing worth the bother. We are aware of criticisms of the Warren Report. At the same time one must leave open the possibility of deeper, less public investigation which has, as yet, turned up nothing publishable. If there were continuing work, relevant documents would probably not be public; the possibility of outsiders, esp. amateurs, contributing anything would be very small.

If you would like the materials returned, please let us know.  
Good solving.

TO: Mr. David H. Harrison, 302 12th Street, N.W., Knoxville,  
Tennessee ( ALAIS) on 18 October 1968

P L A I N T E X T

INFO FRM AJAX ATA FRMR FED MPLY POS INTL CNFRM ALEK N MFLI  
USGV AT TME SOV. FTHR INFO INDCTS MPLY MY HV ACSS POFOC  
DE PRIC CLSFD MTR SUM NO LGR EXST BT CN PV ALEK CONCT  
USGV N CPSTY DE AGNT. FTHR CTLS NT AVL DS TME BT FLI PTH  
PAPR NDCMNT ACSS TU EVDNC MY B HD.

C I P H E R T E X T

COMPLETE COLUMNAR TRANSPOSITION

NARPN	NVFIL	SPCSE	PNCGT	DLRSC
FXFOF	MATNY	SDIUX	VCPNL	STNSM
OSER	PTHDM	PESMS	ALSTS	TIDTY
RSMNA	YEITH	TRDOB	ESYTT	ETMEH
FTDIM	LMRCY	OPFNT	LUTFN	MHCUB
ARLLE	SOFMA	CITGC	CVERV	TAADC
MFPTL	USNSV	OTMLT	KGCHA	BPTVD
IJMYC	KGVOP	COCRR	NONAD	LFPCN

MICRODOT SEALED <sup>A</sup>BENEATH POSTAGE STAMP

The message is all a fake but it states that a former federal employee took photographs of classified material relating to the Oswald case, and that these photos may be available. When the Government breaks it, if they got it, they may take more of an interest in me and I would like to see what developes.



18 October 1968

Dear Dave:

Sorry that I haven't written you in such a long time, but the truth is, that I have been so busy, that I haven't had time to do much of anything. Right now I'm going to school and working fulltime which doesn't leave much time for fun, especially when you also work on the weekends.

I hope you're getting a good rich education. I imagine that it will be a little hard to be able to do all the things that you have wanted to do, and be on your own.

Well, I've got to get ready to go to school now, so I'll close and get this note in the mail. Write again when you have the time and good luck with the books.

Best Regards,  
Buckey

hash of letters with an append of white sheet

This is the white sheet that was used to develop the returned pink sheet upon which the cipher was placed. The failure of the cipher to appear indicates that it was developed by someone before being returned to me.

Best Regards.

You have the time and good luck with the books. I hope you're getting a good rich education. I imagine that it will be a little hard to be able to do all the things that you have wanted to do, and be on your own.

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Route 4 box 52  
Farmingdale, New Jersey  
07727

I took a piece of exposed 35MM film and punched a micro-dot from it. It was then sealed beneath the stamp but was removed by someone and the stamp re-attached by the strip of Scotch Tape which was used to close the torn end

micro-dot was not present  
beneath postage stamp

U.S. POSTAGE  
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Mr. David H. Harrison  
302 12th Street, N. W.  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Air  
U.S.  
Priority

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Return  
Address



Letter opened (torn) Right end  
re-sealed with Scotch Tape -

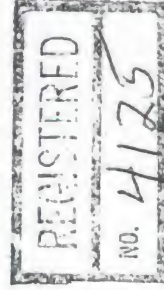




← diagram has been added

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